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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yoshikazu KANEKO, et al.

Appln. No.: PCT/JP98/02198

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Examiner:

For:

STEEL WIRE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4:

line 1, delete "to 3".

Claim 7:

line 1, delete "or 6".

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made in order to remove multiple dependencies and avoid the Government surcharge. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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